



Learning from the past to protect the future.

**Alabama Department of Public Health
State Team Meeting Minutes
Montgomery, AL
October 18, 2018**

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State Team Members:

Scott Belton (Proxy-Director Michael Sparks- AL Dept Forensic Sciences)
Holly Christian (Proxy-Commissioner Nancy Buckner-AL Dept Human Resources)
Senator Gerald Dial (Chair of House Health Committee)
Candice Dye, M.D. (Children's Hospital)
Carrea Dye (ADPH Staff) (Proxy-Scott Harris, M.D.- State Health Officer)
Sheriff Bill Franklin (AL Sheriff's Association)
Acquanetta Knight (Proxy-Commissioner Lynn Beshear- AL Dept Mental Health)
Marsha Raulerson, M.D. (AL Academy of Pediatrics)
David Rydzewski, M.D. (AL Dept Forensic Sciences)
Chief Jerry Taylor (AL Association of Chiefs of Police)
Sheriff Bobby Timmons (AL Sheriff's Association)
Representative April Weaver (Chair of House Health Committee)
Lieutenant Will Wright (AL Dept Public Safety) (Proxy-Director Charles Ward)
Jerry Williams (AL Coroners Association)
Bill Yates (Proxy-Gregory Davis, M.D.- Jefferson County Coroner/Medical Examiner)

Guests/Staff:

Gloria Davis (ADPH Staff)
Joshlynn Edwards (ADPH Staff)
Stuart Hoyle (ADPH Staff)
Susanna Joy (National Center for Fatality Review and Prevention)
Andrea Love (ADPH Staff)

Call to Order

On October 18, 2018, at approximately 1:00 PM at the Alabama Industrial Development Training Center in Montgomery, Alabama, the Alabama Child Death Review System (ACDRS) State Team meeting was called to order by Carrea Dye.

Welcome of Members and Guests

Ms. Dye welcomed everyone and roll was called for members in attendance and via conference call.

State Team Membership Update

Ms. Dye circulated a roster to state team members to ensure accurate contact information.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the meetings held on October 19, 2017, and April 19 and July 19, 2018 could not be approved because a quorum was not present.

2015 and 2016 Case Status Reports

Ms. Dye reported on the team activity and performance for 2015 with 271 qualifying cases and a 46% case completion rate. There were 290 qualifying cases for 2016 with a 15% case completion rate. Ms. Dye informed team members that she plans to meet with local team coordinators to assist with data entry training. She hopes this will result in an increase of case completion rates.

2014 and 2015 Data Reports

Mr. Stuart Hoyle reported on 2014 and 2015 data related to deaths in Alabama that focused on undetermined deaths, motor vehicle incidents, and assault and weapon deaths.

SUIDI Funding Update

Ms. Dye informed team members that Children's Justice Task Force wants to continuously fund SUIDI trainings with hopes of having a uniform reporting system.

Teen Driver Safety Summits

Ms. Joshlynn Edwards provided team members with an overview of the State Farm sponsored teen driving summits, #UrKeys2Drv. Ms. Edwards also reported the success of the first event held in Cullman. She reported that three events will soon take place in Orange Beach, York, and Dothan.

Child Passenger Safety Clinics

Ms. Edwards reported on the child passenger safety clinics held at five fitting stations throughout the state. Eligible families will continue to receive free child restraints and will be provided education on proper installation by CPS technicians.

Recommendations

Ms. Susanna Joy from the National Center for Fatality Review and Prevention raised the following question to team members: Based on fatality review data and knowledge of Alabama CDR, what prevention and process-based recommendations do we think will decrease childhood fatalities in Alabama? State team members then formed groups and worked together to come up with recommendations.

Proposed 2019 Meeting Dates

- Thursday, January 17, 2019
- Thursday, April 18, 2019
- Thursday, July 18, 2019
- Thursday, October 17, 2019

Open Discussion

Dr. Marsha Raulerson expressed her concerns about distributing car seats in rural areas where many families have limited access to services. She suggested a traveling CPS clinic and Senator Gerald Dial was in favor. Also, Senator Dial suggested merging with Argo of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to implement education in the schools in reference to teen driver safety.

Executive Session (if necessary)

An executive session was not called during this meeting.

Adjourn

There being no further items on the agenda and no further discussion requested, without objection, the meeting was adjourned.